

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
Rule 53(b) Divisional of  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/790,716

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the present Title with the following new Title:

**JOINT FOR DUPLEX PIPES**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/790,716 filed February 23, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 2 with the following new paragraph:

The other type is such a duplex pipe where the outer pipe, the inner pipe and the ribs connecting both are integrally formed by the extruding process or drawing process. Recently, from the viewpoint of lowering the prime cost of production, the duplex pipes of the latter type of connecting the outer pipe and the inner pipe via the ribs have been much frequently practiced.

Please replace the ninth full paragraph on page 15 with the following new paragraph:

Fig. 22 Fig. 22B is a front view of the condenser.